

Celebration of Philanthropy honors major sponsors

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CELEBRATION OF PHILANTHROPY

The Community Foundation of Westmoreland County's fifth annual Celebration of Philanthropy was a first-class event held Thursday at the Greensburg Garden and Civic Center. This year's theme, "Banking on Education," honored the major sponsors, S&T Bank, First Commonwealth and BPU, and highlighted the many achievements the organization has made in local schools.

Doctor **William Stavisky**, superintendent of Greater Latrobe School District, was the master of ceremonies. His co-host, **Maria Satira**, was a talented recent graduate of Franklin Regional whose dream of becoming a broadcast journalist was bolstered by funds her school received for a television production class.

Monsignor **John Conway** was named Philanthropist of the Year after giving \$50,000 for Catholic Education. The late Tina Thoburn was named the Community Partner of the year for her work founding the Community Foundation.

Board chairman **Vincent J. Quatrini Jr.** encouraged the audience of 300 to themselves become philanthropists. And vice-chair **Kathy Jaquette Tosh** thanked the staff and volunteers who put together a riveting program and white-tent reception including president **Kirk Utzinger**, **Marcy Zajdel**, **Brent Scholar**, **Bea Conn**, **Susan Weaver**, **Leah Simoncelli**, **Andy Kohl**, **Diane Dale**, **Donna Lee**, **Jan Monzo**, **Betty Carbone** and **Agnes Lapa**.

The guest list was a who's-who of Westmoreland County, including **Carole Ferri**; **Malinda Cecchini Sherid**; **Bill and Janice Albright**; **Chuck and Nancy Anderson**; **June and Wendy Anton**; Tribune-Review editor **Sue McFarland**; **Theresa Baughman**; **Eric and Michele Bononi**; **Ann Emmerling**; **Barbara Ferrier**; **Diana Kreiling**; **Mike Langer**; **Laurie Barnett Levine**; **Mike and Jill Moore**; **Judy O'Toole**; **Terry and Debbie Reese**; **Norma Samide**; **Georgia Teppert**; **George Shaner**; **Sherry Weaver**; **Michael Philopena**; **Kelli Belanger**; and **Dave Rider**.

-- *Jennifer Miele, WTAE*
